

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 97,078-O)

PATENT

In application of:

Gocke *et al.*

Serial No. 10/646,397

Filed: August 22, 2003

For: Detection of Extracellular Tumor-
Associated Nucleic Acid in Blood
Plasma or Serum using Nucleic Acid
Amplification Assay

Before the Examiner:
K.R. Horlick

Group Art Unit: 1637

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICIAL ACTION
MAILED OCTOBER 31, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed October 31, 2006, Applicants request reconsideration of their pending claims in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, Applicants set forth amendments to their claims beginning on page 2. Applicants' remarks begin on page 9.